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FOOD STATEMENT . . . To offset any faulty impressions that might arise as a result of the recent point removal from many food items, a significant statement is being prepared by OWI with the cooperation of WFA and OPA and is scheduled to be issued this coming week. The statement will give a roundup of present supplies and the outlook for the balance of the year on all foods.

SHARE MACHINERY WFA-USDA employees can help farmers by stressing the continued importance of custom harvesting of wheat and other small grains, particularly in areas of large acreage, and custom use or sharing of haying equipment. WPB recently reported that production of large combines and various types of labor-saving haying equipment is running behind schedule.

NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK Secretary Wickard and War Food Administrator Jones have endorsed the week beginning July 23 as National Farm Safety Week. The National Safety Council, which is sponsoring this safety campaign, is naming State chairmen to handle the work in each State to make farm people conscious of the need to prevent accidents.

IMPORTANT USDA RELEASES "WFA Grants Bakers Unrestricted Use of Lard,"
2304-44; see also "Restrictions on Lard,
Rendered Pork Fat Lifter," 2307-44; "Support Prices for Lima Beans Increased
in Three States (N. Y., N. J., and Pa.)" 2324-44; "Rice Set-aside Suspended,"
2303-44; "The National Food Situation - April," 2320; "WFA Offers to Buy Linseed Oil and Meal," 2319-44; "Hatchery Production - April," 2312-44; "1944
Wheat Loan Program," 2314-44; "Irish Potato Support Price Amended," 2332-44;
Soybeans Loan and Purchase Program," 2332-44.

OTHER RELEASES OF SPECIAL INTEREST "Dollars and Cents Wholesale Ceiling Prices for 'Dry Groceries',"
OPA-4280; "Sugar-for Home-Canning Program Modified," OPA-4303; allocations of potash for agricultural use increased, VPB-5680.

ONIONS will be abundant in all areas of the United States the latter part of May and early June. A fact sheet calling attention to this seasonal abundance and pointing out ways to use more onions is on the way.

--- NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR ---Wednesday, May 24 through Monday, May 29, 1944

- WEDNESDAY Miss Ruth Peck, supervisor of Michigan's Woman's Land Army will be interviewed on "The Woman's Land Army at Work in Michigan."
- THURSDAY Ruth Van Deman, BHN&HE; Paul Zumbro, Coordinator of National Poultry Improvement Plan: and Wallace Kadderly will talk about "Perked up Poultry Production."
- FRIDAY . Ernest Moore and Duke DuMars on keeping the Victory Garden planted.
- MONDAY - Farm Production Report to the Nation No. 8, North Dakota. E. J. Haslerud, Ext. Director: P.J. Kettwig, State AAA Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Powers and four children from Durbin in Cass County.

PLENTIFUL FOODS THIS WEEK ARE:

- * Onions
- * Carrots
- * Eggs

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* White potatoes Spinach

Oranges

Peanut butter Citrus marmalade

* - Starred items deserve active promotion if abundant locally.

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INDUSTRIAL FEEDING is the name of a program to be presented by WFA at 12:15 EWT on May 27 over NBC's coast to coast network. The program will come from Mare Island Navy Yard (near San Francisco) where more than 40,000 meals are served daily to workers.